

## Pyongyang Declaration

### ***'Let Us Defend and Advance The Socialist Cause'***

Leaders and delegates of parties came to Pyongyang to participate in the celebrations of the 80th Birthday of President Kim Il Sung, and had multilateral and bilateral contacts while there. Delegates decided to adopt the Pyongyang Declaration, *'reflecting the firm will to defend and advance the cause of socialism and, to this end, had contacts with other progressive political parties which could not send delegates to Pyongyang'*.

The *'Pyongyang Declaration'* was signed by delegates of 70 parties of the world including 48 party leaders as of April 20th 1992. Follows the full text of the Declaration, entitled: *'Let Us Defend and Advance the Socialist Cause'*.

'The representatives of political parties from different countries of the world who are striving; for the victory of socialism publish this declaration with a firm conviction to defend and advance the socialist cause.

Ours is an era of independence and the socialist cause is a sacred one aimed at realizing the independence of the popular masses.

Socialism suffered a setback in some countries in recent years. As a consequence of this, the imperialists and reactionaries are claiming that socialism has *'come to an end'*. This is nothing but a sophistry to beautify and embellish capitalism and patronize the old order.

The setback of socialism and the revival of capitalism in some countries is causing a great loss to the achievement of socialist cause, but it can never be interpreted as the denial of the superiority of socialism and, of the reactionary character or capitalism.

Socialism has long been the ideal of mankind and it represents the future of mankind.

Socialist society is, in essence, a genuine society for the people where the popular masses are the masters of everything and everything serves them.

But the capitalist society is an unfair one where *'the rich get ever richer and the poor poorer'*. In this society money decides everything, exploitation of man by man predominates and a handful of exploiter classes lords it over. It is inevitably accompanied by political non - rights, unemployment, poverty, drugs, crimes and other kinds of all social evils which trample the human dignity underfoot.

Only socialism can eliminate domination, subjugation and social inequality of all manners; and ensure the people substantial freedom, equality, true democracy and human rights.

The popular masses have long carried on an arduous struggle for the victory of socialism and shed much blood in this course.

The path of socialism is an un trodden one and, therefore, the advance of socialism is inevitably accompanied by trials and difficulties.

One of the reasons for the unsuccessful construction of socialism in some countries is that they failed to build a social structure conforming to the fundamental requirements of the

popular masses and build socialism suited to the demand of the theory of scientific socialism.

The guarantee for the advance of a socialist society lies in that the popular masses become the genuine masters of the society.

Such a society makes a triumphant advance - this is a truth and reality proved by theory and practice.

The parties and progressive mankind aspiring after socialism have drawn a very precious lesson there from.

In order to defend and advance the socialist cause individual parties should firmly maintain independence and firmly build up their own forces.

The socialist Movement is an independent one. Socialism is carved out and built with a country or national state as a unit. The socialist cause in each country should be fulfilled on the responsibility of the party and people of that country.

Each party should work out lines and policies which tally with the actual situation of the country where it is active and with the demands of its people and implement them by relying on the popular masses.

It should not abandon its revolutionary principles at any time and under any circumstances but uplift the banner of socialism.

The socialist cause is a national one and, at the same time, a common cause of mankind.

All parties should cement the ties of comradely unity, cooperation and solidarity on the principles of independence and equality.

Now that the imperialists and reactionaries are attacking socialism and people in an international collusion the parties which are building socialism or aspiring after it should defend and advance socialism, on an international scale and strengthen mutual support and solidarity in their efforts for social justice, democracy, the right to existence and peace against imperialist domination, subjugation by capital and neo - colonialism.

This is an international duty incumbent upon all parties aside progressive forces for socialism and an undertaking for their own cause.

We will advance under the unfurled banner of socialism in firm unity with all progressive political parties, organizations, and peoples of the world who are striving to defend socialism against capitalism and imperialism.

Let us all fight it out to open up the future of mankind with a firm conviction in the cause of socialism.

Final victory is on the part of the people fighting in unity for socialism'

The socialist cause shall not perish.

*Dated April 20 1992.*